

City of Sumer 2-1 Journal

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wheels	cuneiform	math	Sumer
science	3000	scribes	tablets
			stylus

Around _____ B.C., cities started to develop in Mesopotamia. Today I got to visit a school in the region of _____, one of the first Mesopotamian Empires. It is an honor to be able to go to school here. In school they learn to write their written language called _____. Boys and some girls can be trained to become _____, which means they record information such as laws and songs. These students also learn to make _____ to write on and _____ out of reeds for writing utensils. In addition to developing a system of writing, Sumerians also began to study _____ and _____. The Sumerian people seem very smart because they also created simple machines, like _____ to make their work easier.

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ceremonies

military

polytheism

river water

independent

city-state

ziggurat

Ur

Sargon

religion

During my visit to Sumer, I learned that a city that governs the surrounding villages is called a _____. One city-state of Sumer included _____. I asked the people why they built these barriers around their city and they said that they had to protect and control their _____ during war. The Sumerians were very smart people to think ahead like this because as Nomads, my family never had to think about staying in one place. Our only plan was to use the land, and then move on to a new place. In the center of Sumer, I saw a large building with a temple on its peak. This is the _____, and it is where the Sumerians practice their religion. The location of this structure shows that _____ is very important in Sumer. Sumerians practiced _____ because their religions worshipped many gods and goddesses. Each city-state worshipped its own god, and Sumerians also honored their gods in religious _____.

Around 2300 B.C., King _____ united the city-states of Sumer. One of the most notable things that Sargon did was to improve Sumer's government and _____. Sumer remained united for about 100 years until it broke up in _____ city-states again.